



GRINNELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
**MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

***MINUTES***

The Grinnell City Council met in regular session Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Mayor Canfield presided with all of the council members in attendance. Also present were Linda Moore, Cindy Haines, Officer Fred Foreman, Shannon Foreman, Dodi Reilly, David Huth, Mary Ellen Lynch, Judy Binegar, Lois Ogan, David Isch, Kegan Richmond, Molly Wray and Emerson, Katelyn Doane, Officer Doane, Officer Joe McMillen, Sergeant Wray, Sergeant Johnson, Sergeant Gray, Captain Petersen, Chief Reilly, Russ Behrens and Kay Cmelik.

**AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

White made the motion, second by Hueftle-Worley to approve the agenda. AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by Hueftle-Worley to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, April 18, 2016 Regular Session.
- Previous minutes as drafted from the Tuesday, April 26, 2016 Special Session.
- Approve city claims and payroll claims from April 5 through and including May 2, 2016.
- Approve new liquor licenses and renewals for the following:
  - Lonnski's Pub and Deli, 908 Main Street, renewal.
  - Gametime, 827 West Street, adding to outdoor license.
  - Memories Maid, LLC, 901 Main Street, Class B Native Wine Permit.
  - Grinnell College, 1115 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Approve 2016 Grinnell College Block Party Committee's request to block High Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm for their annual block party.
- Approve request from Poweshiek County 4-H Youth Council to hold 5K Run/Walk, Saturday, July 16, 2016 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- Approve request from Grinnell Rotary Club to waive rental fees for Community Center, with no parking in the Community Center Parking lot all day and deliver extra dumpsters for their Annual Chicken Barbeque on June 9, 2016.
- Approve request to close primary road extension for 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
- Approve request to close primary road extension on June 11<sup>th</sup> for the Annual ½ Marathon.
- Mayor's appointments and reappointments:

- Parks and Recreation Board (reappointments – 3 years):
  - 1) Ray Spriggs
  - 2) Liz Queathem
- Approve Tax Abatement Application for Glenn and Ginger Sterk, 729 Pinehurst Drive (See Resolution No. 2016-55).
- Review Campbell Fund requests.

AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor declared the public hearing open. Written objections were filed and read on behalf of the following parties. There were none.

Written statements in favor of the sale of the above-described property were filed and read on behalf of the following parties. There were none.

The following persons made verbal statements either in favor of or against the proposal to sell. There were none.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed on the proposal for the sale of city-owned real property.

## **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

The council acknowledged receipt of the previous meeting minutes and communications as follows:

- a) Finance Committee minutes: April 18, 2016.
- b) Planning Committee minutes: April 18, 2016.
- c) Public Safety Committee minutes: April 18, 2016.
- d) Public Works and Grounds Committee minutes: April 18, 2016.
- e) Parks and Recreation Board minutes: April 11, 2016.
- f) Employee Safety Meeting minutes: April 19, 2016.

No action was necessary.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Wray made the motion, second by White to authorize staff to prepare a development agreement for a commercial property located on the west side of 146. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by White to approve Resolution No. 2016-56 - Resolution amending and adopting the rental policies and equipment rental prices for FY 2016-2017. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by Hansen to approve Resolution No. 2016-57 - Resolution approving the sale of city owned property – East Street – Grinnell Garden Cottages, LLC. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by White to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending provisions pertaining to water rates. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by Hansen to approve first reading of an ordinance amending provisions pertaining to the sewer user charges. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by White to approve Resolution No. 2016-58 - Resolution setting the storm water utility rates for July 1, 2016 through and including July 1, 2020. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

The council received a copy of the Standard and Poor's Rating Report for 2016A General Obligation Bonds. The city has received an improved rating of AA- which is a one notch improvement which is the highest rating city of Grinnell has ever been awarded.

The council reviewed the Standard and Poor's Rating Report for 2016A General Obligation Bonds. The AA- rating from Standard & Poor's is one-notch above that Moody's had assigned the City in both 2013 and 2014. AA- represents the 4<sup>th</sup> highest category possible, and is likely the strongest rating the City could currently receive based on both its valuation and geographical location in the State. We are very pleased with the upgrade of our rating from A1 to the –AA.

The Standards and Poor's rating report emphasizes the City's strong management with good financial policies and practices under their FMA methodology, indicating financial practices exist in most areas. Some of those practices include strong budgetary performance, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity, weak debt and contingent liability profile.

The report also mentions Grinnell's weak economy. This is not likely to change due to its proximity of halfway between Des Moines and Iowa City. The City does have a stable outlook which is still good for the community.

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Bly made the motion, second by Burnell to approve Resolution No. 2016-59 - Resolution authorizing payment of Contractor's pay request No. 4 in the amount of \$3,847.50 to S & S Plumbing and Heating, LLC of Marengo, Iowa for work completed on the Drake Community Library Humidity Control and Energy Conservation Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Bly made the motion, second by Burnell to approve Resolution No. 2016-60 – Resolution authorizing payment of contractor's pay request No. 5 (final) in the amount of \$2,436.75 to S & S Plumbing and Heating, LLC of Marengo, Iowa for work completed on the Drake Community Library Humidity Control and Energy Conservation Project.

AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

There was inquiry regarding the Food Recovery Unit. No action was taken.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Chief's Commendations were awarded to Sergeant Christopher Wray, Sergeant Ben Gray and Officer Joe McMillen.

Letters of Commendation were awarded to Sergeant Dan Johnson, Sergeant Ben Gray, Officer Bryce Doane (2), Officer Joe McMillen (2) and Officer Fred Foreman.

In recognition of Police Week, May 15-21, 2016, and Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, 2016, fallen Grinnell Police Officers Ralph Ogan and Warren Binegar were commemorated. The widows, Mary Ellen Binegar-Lynch and Lois Ogan were presented roses in honor of the sacrifices they have made as a result of their husbands' deaths.

White made the motion, second by Burnell to approve William Gruman as Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second Hueftle-Worley to approve the fireworks agreement and permit for 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

There was one inquiry regarding vandalism at the cemetery. No action was taken.

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

The council briefly discussed curbside pickup of brush and lawn waste. It was determined the city will consider a possible curbside pickup in the fall. No action was taken.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2016-61 - Resolution making award of contract for the 2016 Asphalt Patching. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2016-62 - Resolution authorizing payment of contractor's pay request No. 1 in the amount of \$50,793.27 to Absolute Concrete of Slater, Iowa for the Highway 146 North Construction Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2016-63 - Resolution authorizing payment of contractor's pay request No. 2 in the amount of \$3,165.97 to Sumner Services, LLC of Grinnell, Iowa for the Highway 146 North Tree Clearing Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2016-64 -

Resolution accepting work on the Highway 146 North Tree Clearing Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2016-65 - Resolution approving change order No. 4 in the amount of \$35,208.00 for a net increase to the contract with Garling Construction, Inc. of Belle Plaine, Iowa for the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Façade Project. AYES: 5-0. Abstention: Bly. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2016-66 - Resolution approving change order No. 5 in the amount of \$5,368.00 for a net decrease to the contract with Garling Construction, Inc. of Belle Plaine, Iowa for the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Façade Project. AYES: 5-0. Abstention: Bly. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2016-67 - Resolution authorizing payment of contractor's pay request No. 3 (final) in the amount of \$10,450.00 to Dickinson Company, Inc. of Oskaloosa, Iowa for the Highway 146 Signal Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2016-68 - Resolution accepting work on Highway 146 Signal Project for the total amount of \$471,664.75 with final retainage of \$23,583.24 paid after 31 days. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2016-69 - Resolution approving change orders 10, 11, 13, 15, 16 and 22 with Jasper Construction Services, Inc. of Newton, Iowa for a time extension and no monetary change to the contract cost for the Highway 146 and I80 Interchange Improvement Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2016-70 - Resolution approving change order 17 with Jasper Construction Services, Inc. of Newton, Iowa for a net increase to the contract in the amount of \$1,870.00 for the Highway 146 and I80 Interchange Improvement Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2016-71 - Resolution approving change order No. 18 with Jasper Construction Services, Inc. of Newton, Iowa for a net increase to the contract in the amount of \$14,105.95 for the Highway 146 and I80 Interchange Improvement Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2016-72 - Resolution approving change order No. 20 with Jasper Construction Services, Inc. of Newton, Iowa for a net decrease to the contract in the amount of \$866.88 for the Highway 146 and I80 Interchange Improvement Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2016-73 - Resolution approving change order No. 21 with Jasper Construction Services, Inc. of Newton, Iowa for a net increase to the contract in the amount of \$11,775.12 for the Highway 146 and I80 Interchange Improvement Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2016-74 - Resolution authorizing payment of contractor's pay estimate No. 13 in the amount of \$55,499.64 to Jasper Construction Services, Inc. of Newton, Iowa for the Highway 146 and I80 Interchange Improvement Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2016-75 - Resolution authorizing payment of contractor's pay estimate No. 14 in the amount of \$22,505.36 to Jasper Construction Services, Inc. of Newton, Iowa for the Highway 146 and I80 Interchange Improvement Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2016-76 - Resolution authorizing payment of contractor's pay estimate No. 15 in the amount of \$30,000 (retainage) to Jasper Construction Services, Inc. of Newton, Iowa for the Highway 146 and I80 Interchange Improvement Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2016-77 - Resolution accepting work for Highway 146 and I80 Interchange Improvement Project for the total amount of \$1,691,497.77. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

There was three inquiries. There were as follows: mowing and trimming at Hazelwood Cemetery; solar panels in a local neighborhood and Parks and Recreation presenting on a proposed dog park at the next meeting. No action was taken.

#### **INQUIRIES:**

Linda Moore of Las Vegas, NV spoke regarding a fall in the commercial district of Grinnell and David Huth spoke in regard to solar panels being installed in Grinnell.

No action was taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

White made the motion, second by Hueftle-Worley to adjourn the meeting 7:51 p.m. AYES: All. Motion carried.

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GORDON R. CANFIELD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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P. KAY CMELIK, CITY CLERK/FINANCE DIRECTOR